

OGC HAS REVIEWED.

30 August 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] Support of POW Court Martials

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25X1A 1. Reference is made to a Memorandum for the Record dated 11 August 1954 by Alan M. Warfield, same subject as above. Pursuant to telephone conversations between the undersigned and Mr. Warfield, Mr. Houston and [REDACTED] visited with General Caffee, JAG of the Army, on Thursday, 26 August 1954. After making known our problem, General Caffee offered all possible assistance and brought in Major Prugh and Colonel Johnston to work out the details. STATSPEC

2. The JAG's Office indicated that probably there would only be about one-half of the 44 POW cases which would involve [REDACTED] support. Further, they saw no reason why depositions could not be utilized in lieu of testimony of live witnesses. It was pointed out further that since most of the cases would utilize military personnel for defendants' counsel, probably there could be a stipulation as to the admissibility of the [REDACTED] records. The stipulation in most cases would avoid even the necessity of depositions. There appeared to be no question whatever on the appropriateness of using true copies of recordings rather than the originals. It was agreed that if a particular Command insisted on having witnesses appear, the matter would be referred by [REDACTED] to OGC with the hope that this office could resolve the problem with that particular Command. If this procedure would not solve the case, OGC would then take up the matter with JAG in the Pentagon. It was also agreed that in any one case if the Command presented a compelling case for having witnesses testify [REDACTED] would accede if at all possible. STATSPEC

STATSPEC 3. The above was related to Mr. Warfield by telephone who agreed that it was a satisfactory solution. Therefore, this office will take no further action until notified by [REDACTED]

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cc: Security Office  
Chief, [REDACTED] hr  
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